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29 West 39th St.
N.Y. Nov. 20, 1922

Mr. Chas. L. Clarke,
Genl. Elec. Co.-
Schuylady, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Clarke-

Please pardon late reply to your interesting letter of the 14th. I think you know any such delay would not be intentional.

Enquiry at the Eng. Soc. Library fail to locate any of the publications you mention as The Railroader, Detroit Illustrated News, or the N.Y. Daily Graphic, so I'll have to see what I can do at the Public Library.

Re Memo, Mr. Van Ornum (Chief Civil Eng'r N.Y. Edison) Mr. Garra-brant (Chief Photographer) and myself have arranged to go to Muncie tomorrow (Nov. 21st) weather permitting, to take pictures and get other data relative to the location of the memorial. Many seem to think it would be hidden if placed on the Laboratory site, but in plain view from the Lincoln Highway if placed on the site of Edison's old home. Using the old machine shop bricks seems good, but I would build the foundation for this brick shaft out of the old laboratory foundation stones still available. Shall let you know what happens.

Cordially yours
F. A. Wardlaw.

109 Glenwood Boulevard,
Schenectady, N.Y.,
Nov. 14, 1922.

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw, Secy.,
Edison Pioneers,
29 West 39th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Your favor of the 10th, with enclosure of copy of the circular of Sept. 29th (having 1882 and 1922 pictures of Edison), was duly received. Many thanks for it.

I have not overlooked the matter of photos of Edison's first electric locomotive from my bound volume of the law record in a patent interference suit on electric railways between Edison, Siemens and Field, in which testimony was taken from Nov. 16, 1881 to Dec. 13, 1881 in this country, besides testimony abroad; and in which the photos were exhibits. Will send you copies soon.

In this connection, and to aid in restoration of the locomotive, canopy car and so-called Pullman car (including the locomotive headlight), let me refer you to very informing illustrations (apparently from photos now not findable) ⁱⁿ a journal called The Railroader, of date about Nov., 1880; also in The Detroit Illustrated News, about Jan., 1881; also in The Daily Graphic, New York City, about last of July, 1880. You should find these publications in the Eng. Soc. Library, and in the Public Library, near by. They are fine and will be a great aid to you.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. L. Lelark

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29 West 39th St.
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Mr. Chas. L. Clarke
109 Glenwood Blvd.
Schenectady N.Y.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

Your kind favor of the 9th inst. just to hand, and it gives me pleasure to enclose one of the circulars requested.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, and in reply to your letter from the Martinique re data as to the articles comprising our Historical Exhibit, I am sorry we have nothing yet written up that would be of service, but am arranging to get together a proper illustrated and descriptive catalog that I hope to be able to send you ere long.

Your blueprint and letter to Mr. Insull (via Mr. Andrews) was delivered and discussed at the Ex. Comm. meeting. Am pleased to see you it met with general approval, and is now in the Memorial Committee's hands for action.

Quite agree with you that our pilgrimage to Meola was a memorable one - day and all, except possibly the burrs and stickers, some of which I still carry.

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*Hope you won't forget the photos of the
old locomotives, and any of the "Pullman"
if you have them. We have these relics safely
housed in Gold St., and expect to put them
in good condition at an early date.*

Cordial good wishes to you.

*Sincerely
F. A. Wardlaw.*

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Please address replies

F A Wardlaw, *Curator*
Room 901, Engineering Societies Building
29 West 39th Street, New York

September 29, 1922

Dear Sir :

The Association of Edison Illuminating Companies and the Edison Pioneers, jointly extend to you and the members of your staff, a cordial invitation to visit a museum of Edisonia and a collection of other historical electrical apparatus, to be held under their auspices from Monday, October 2nd to Saturday, October 21st, 1922 (daily, excepting Sunday), on the third floor of the Grand Central Palace, Lexington Avenue, 46th to 47th Streets, New York City

Entrance to these historical exhibits will be by the 47th Street doorway, except during the period of the New York Electrical and Industrial Exposition, Saturday, October 7th to Saturday, October 14th, during which period access will be had by the main entrance on the Lexington Avenue side of the building. The exhibition hours are from 11 a m to 10:30 p m daily, except Sundays

Inasmuch as the apparatus to be exhibited, whilst but part of what it is hoped ultimately to assemble for a permanent exhibition, was actually used and in service during the pioneer days of the electric lighting industry, both arc and incandescent, during the period from 1875 to 1885, it should prove of exceptional interest to all technical men and to all interested in the engineering evolution of the art, including instructors, electrical engineers and students of electricity

Should you care to take advantage of this opportunity, we should be pleased to have you indicate a day and the approximate hour when either yourself or members of your staff or class would care to visit this exhibition, and upon receipt of information as to the number that may be expected, we shall be pleased to send you the necessary cards of admission and provide expert guides to explain the history and use of each piece of apparatus, as well as to answer any questions of a technical nature in reference thereto

Yours very truly

F. A. Wardlaw

Curator